the NER. The Government allocates funds from the NLCPR for infrastructure development in the NER.

- The North Eastern Council, a Statutory body, is allocated a budget for taking up projects of regional nature in the NER.
- The Government has notified the North East Industrial Investment & Promotion Policy (NEIIPP), 2007 for promoting industrial development in the Region.

Schemes of NEC and NLCPR

2665. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of schemes selected for implementation in different States in respect of NEC and NLCPR funds during the year 2006-07 and 2007-08;

(b) the number and details of these projects that have been provided with funds effectively;

(c) whether Government is aware that the progress of works in many cases is getting stalled for want of proper monitoring system; and

(d) if yes, the steps to be taken to clear the bottlenecks?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) The nemes of schemes and projects selected for implementation in different North Eastern States in respect of NEC and funds provided during the year 2006-07 and 2007-08 are enclosed at Annexure 'A' & 'B' respectively. [*See* Appendix 213 Annexure No. 10]. The names of the projects selected/sanctioned in different North Eastern States under NLCPR during 2006-07 and 2007-08 and funds released in these projects is available on this Ministry's website *www.mdoner.nic.in.*

(c) and (d) Schemes under NEC & NLCPR are being systematically monitored regularly with on going efforts to make the monitoring system as effective as possible and speed up the progress of works.

Expansion of various programmes in hilly areas

2666. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the programme of Government to encourage the States of the North-Eastern in bringing more hilly areas under the expansion of horticulture, tea plantation, rubber plantation etc. during the year 2006-07 and 2007-08.

(b) in what maner the NEC and NLCPR funds are going to support the State Governments in this mission and how far the achievements have been made so far; and

(c) if there has been no programmes as yet, whether steps would be taken in the line?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) The line Ministries of the Central Government and their